

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM J. PERRY  
 REMARKS WHILE ESCORTING UKRAINIAN GENERAL VITALIY REDETSKY IN TOUR OF  
 U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, WITH ANNOUNCEMENT  
 OF FUTURE JOINT PEACEKEEPING EXERCISES  
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# PERRY SEES OPTIONS TO CONFRONTATION IN KOREA

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NORFOLK - Defense Secretary William J. Perry says the United States is not provoking a fight in North Korea and believes there are alternatives to confrontation in dealing with that nation's nuclear threat.

There is no reason why there should be any confrontation. . . . Perry said Wednesday during a visit to Norfolk. All we are seeking is for North Korea to comply with agreements they have already made with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Nothing more than that.

The United States and South Korea are maintaining a high state of military readiness, increasing

the level of forces, even as diplomatic pressure continues, Perry said.

We are doing nothing to provoke a confrontation. However, on the other hand, we want to be fully ready for anything that might develop, and we will be."

Perry was in Norfolk escorting Vitaliy Radetsky, the Ukrainian general of the army, on a tour of American military facilities as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Partners for Peace initiative. Ukraine, as a former member of the Soviet Union, has signed the pact.

Radetsky, who serves as minister of defense, was repaying a visit Perry made to his state in March. The former Soviet general

was given a SEAL team demonstration, a ride in a Navy air-cushioned landing craft through the Chesapeake Bay and a tour of the 2nd Fleet Command ship Mount Whitney.

He also was briefed by Adm. Paul David Miller, commander of the U.S. Atlantic Command and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. Today he will be taken aboard the carrier Theodore Roosevelt.

American and Ukrainian armies and navies are preparing joint training exercises for the future, Radetsky said. The United States also is advising the Ukrainian military on how America is cutting its military forces in the wake of the Cold War.

Perry and Radetsky also discussed the rift between Russia and the Ukraine over the Black Sea Fleet, based in the Ukraine. Russia claims some interest in the fleet because it was a major component of the former Soviet navy.

Dr. Perry fully understands what is happening on the Crimean Peninsula, and he has expressed a desire to help us in any way that he can," Radetsky said.

Radetsky said Perry surprised him with a demonstration of a new telephone link between the general military staffs of the two nations. The link opens the door for more meetings of the two nations' militaries, he said.

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## U.S. to hold military exercise in Ukraine

### Joint plans outlined on tour of Norfolk

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Secretary of Defense William J. Perry and his Ukrainian counterpart announced in Norfolk Wednesday that the two nations have decided to host joint peacekeeping exercises.

"I think in the very near future, we will be having these exercises," said General of the Army Vitaliy Radetsky, the Ukrainian minister of defense, speaking through an interpreter while visiting Norfolk Naval Base. "All we need to do is take care of logistics. And our general staffs are working on this right now."

Perry was escorting Radetsky on a whirlwind visit of naval facilities in Hampton Roads as part of a joint U.S.-Ukrainian defense cooperation program that saw Perry visit missile sites in Ukraine in March. Radetsky said the visit was the result of his nation's membership in NATO's Partnership for Peace program. The Norfolk visit was the first stop in a week-long tour of U.S. military facilities arranged for Radetsky.

Plans to hold joint peacekeeping exercises in Russia were dropped May 31 after President Boris Yeltsin bowed to pressure from Russian hard-liners. Extremist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and others protested loudly that the proposed week-long exercises, in which 250 U.S. troops were to train with their Russian counterparts on

how to conduct U.N. peacekeeping operations, were part of a secret plan to undermine Russia.

U.S. and Russian lawmakers agreed instead to hold the exercises in the United States. But Yeltsin later said the issue of joint exercises on Russian soil wasn't closed, and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., who headed the U.S. delegation that visited Russia in May, said both sides remained committed to the exercises.

Wednesday, Perry indicated that the two sides might be revisiting the original option.

"We expect to be conducting joint exercises both in Ukraine and in Russia," he said.

Perry broke no new ground on the subject of North Korea Wednesday, reiterating what he said was the U.S. resolve to continue trying to convince the militant nation to agree to inspections of its nuclear program.

"We're trying to get a peaceful, diplomatic resolution from North Korea," he said. "At the same time, we want them to stop the development of their nuclear weapons."

The U.S. strategy is two-pronged, Perry said. On one hand, he said, the U.S. is exerting diplomatic pressure and seeking U.N. sanctions against North Korea.

"We're pushing that very hard right now," he said. "In the meantime, we are maintaining our military readiness. We have fully capable forces in Korea. And we are increasing both the readiness and the level of those forces."

"We are doing nothing to provoke a military confrontation,"

Perry said. "But on the other hand, we want to be fully ready for anything that might develop. And we will be."

During their visit to Norfolk, Perry and Radetsky observed Navy SEAL training at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. They then traveled to Norfolk by sea, riding on giant, high-speed, air-cushioned landing craft known as LCACs.

Navy officials planned to give Radetsky tours of an aircraft carrier and a nuclear submarine. Perry said he would be returning to Washington today while Radetsky continued his visits to U.S. bases.